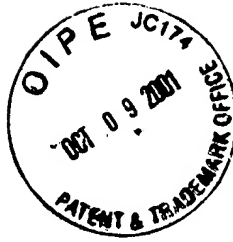


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Sir:

Applicants take this opportunity to advise the U.S. PTO Examiner of U.S. Patent Appln. No. 09/750,280 entitled "Trifunctional Reagent for Conjugation to a Biomolecule," filed in the U.S. PTO on December 29, 2000 (Group Art Unit 1625). This co-pending application, not having an Office Action yet issued, names the same inventors as those named in the present application. A copy of this co-pending application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

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